

I am a college student/graduate student. What are my options for voter registration and voting?

Students have the option of registering to vote in their hometowns or in their college town. The decision of where to register will determine which candidates and what issues will appear on a ballot.

You can only register in one location.

How do I register?

- To register in Story County, fill out a [voter registration form](#) and [send it to the Auditor's Office](#).
- If you have an Iowa driver's license, you can [register to vote online](#).
- If you have missed the pre-registration deadline (10 days prior to Election Day for General Election, 11 days for all other elections), you may also [register at the polls on Election Day](#) provided you show proof of identity and residence.

Where will my voter registration card and other election materials (including absentee ballots) be mailed?

Your registration confirmation will be sent to your registration address UNLESS you provide an alternate mailing address on your [registration form](#). ***If you want your election materials mailed to your address in Story County, please do not provide an alternate mailing address.***

How do I know if I am already registered to vote in Story County?

- All registered voters are mailed a [voter card](#) listing the voter's address, precinct name and polling location.
- Check on the status of your registration by calling the Auditor's Office at (515) 382-7210 or looking up your registration [here](#).

I moved from the dorms to an apartment. Do I need to update my address?

Yes. To update your registration, complete and submit a [voter registration form](#).

It's Election Day and I am still registered at my former Story County address.

Go to the [polling place](#) for your current address (not the old one). Tell the polling place officials that you have moved within the county. They will check your registration status and have you fill out a new voter registration form. If your precinct has changed, you will have to show identification.

I am already registered in another county in Iowa. Can't I just go to the polls on campus?

In Iowa, voter registration is maintained at the county level. If you are currently registered in another Iowa county, you are a new registrant in Story County and must complete a [voter registration form](#) to transfer your registration. If, on Election Day, you go to the polls to vote and are not registered in Story County, you can follow [Election Day Registration procedures](#) (proof of identity and address are necessary) to become eligible to cast a ballot.

Where do I vote?

Your polling location is listed on your [voter card](#). You may also look up your polling location based on your residential address using the [Polling Place Finder](#).

Do I need to bring ID to the polls?

In most cases, voters in Iowa do not need to show identification before voting. However, there are situations where you may be asked for identification. Therefore, we recommend that all voters bring valid photo ID to the polls.

[Voter cards](#) are provided for reference purposes and to allow you the opportunity to correct any errors with your registration. ***A voter card is not a form of identification.***

Here is the list of acceptable forms of photo ID in Iowa.

All forms must be current, valid and contain an expiration date:

- Iowa driver's license
- Out-of-state driver's license
- Non-driver identification card
- US passport
- US military ID
- ID card issued by an employer
- Student ID issued by an Iowa high school or college

NOTE: ISU ID cards do not contain an expiration date and are not valid for this purpose

Additional Information